

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at Page 2, line 9 and ending at Page 3, Line 4 with the following paragraph:

In recent years, in order to facilitate ease of production, studies have been conducted on ways to produce liquid absorbent resins by so-called water droplet-in-oil type, reverse phase suspension polymerization in which an aqueous solution containing a radical polymerizable compound and polymerization initiator is dropped into an organic solvent, the aqueous solution is dispersed in the organic solvent by stirring, and the radical polymerizable compound is polymerized in the resulting water droplets. However, since the liquid absorbent resin obtained according to the aforementioned production method is normally in the form of particles having a smooth surface, it is difficult to load them into flocculent fibrous pulp inside an absorbent, resulting in causing uneven distribution of the particles. As a result, such an absorbent is unable to adequately absorb blood and the like and tends to cause the occurrence of leakage. In addition, since a liquid absorbent resin obtained according to the aforementioned production method requires dust control measures and the like since the diameter of the resulting particles is extremely small, there are also problems with easy ease of handling.